



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, children are born ready to learn; and*

*WHEREAS, the concept of emergent literacy suggests that the development of literacy takes place within the child beginning at birth and emerges over time through the child's interaction with oral and written language; and*

*WHEREAS, parents are their child's first teacher, preparing their child to be ready to learn upon entering school and helping their child to succeed in school; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows that infants and children who are read to are more enthusiastic about reading, are more successful in school, are better readers, and are more likely to remain life-long readers; and*

*WHEREAS, city and district public libraries have programs and materials which help parents develop family literacy skills and encourage the joy of reading as a family activity; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho State Library has developed a multi-year Read to Me project to involve libraries in encouraging parents to read aloud to their children; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho State Library is working with partners statewide to encourage parents to read aloud to their children; and*

*WHEREAS, schools, libraries, and nonprofit and community organizations across the state have planned activities to support Family Reading Week;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17 through 23, 2002, to be*

**IDAHO FAMILY READING WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I call upon all parents to read aloud to their children every day and to visit their local public library for information and materials to help with reading..*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE